Labour Policy

†*178. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared Labour Policy under the pressure of foreign investors;

(b) if so, the extent to which Government would protect interests of the labourers;

(c) whehter Government are inviting investment only in those companies which are making profit;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the labourers engaged in small industries and factories would be exploited due to this policy; and

(e) if so, whether Government would reconsider to change the policy in view of interests of labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) Government has not declared any labour policy under the pressure of foreign investors. However, a need has been felt in the recent past to review/Update the various labour laws. The amendments to certain labour laws have become necessary in order to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy for higher productivity, competitiveness, higher level of investments including foreign investment and employment generation.

In so far as foreign direct investment is concerned, Government do not discriminate between loss and profit making companies.

Government is taking all necessary steps to safeguard the legitimate interests of workers in various sectors including small industries and factories in the labour reforms process.

Release of rice under Food for Work Programme in A.P.

*179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND

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